Income of farmers

†2372. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the income of a farmer in the country is continuously declining;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the annual income of an average farmer in the country at the beginning and at the end of 90s?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) There are no direct data available on the average income of a farmer. However, the income due to an activity is indicated by the Gross Value Added (GVA). According to the National Accounts Statistics, GVA at 1993-94 prices in the activities of agriculture including animal husbandry, increased from Rs 2,00,634 Crore in the year 1991-92 to Rs. 2,65,180 Crore in 2000-01. The total number of cultivators, according to the Population Census, increased from 11.07 Crore in 1991 to 12.76 Crore in 2001. This implies increase in GVA per cultivator per annum from Rs. 18,124 in 1991-92 to Rs. 20,782 in 2000-01 in real terms.

Foodgrains export by NAFED

†2373. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of varieties and quantities of foodgrains given to NAFED by the FCI for export during the last three years and to which countries the foodgrains had been exported;

(b) whether this export has not been effected by NAFED; and

(c) if so, the details of the exporting agency, including the details of foodgrains so exported and why NAFED did not undertake the export itself?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The details relating to the export of FCI foodgrains by NAFED to the different countries during the

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